

PERAC PENSION NEWSFLASH

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Revised Notice, New Directions

PERAC CHAIRMAN Domenic J. F. Russo Passed Away

Arrangements are as follows:

To sign the guest book

legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/

Visitation

Thursday, May 29, 2014, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ernest P. Caggiano & Son

Funeral Home

147 Winthrop Street
Winthrop, MA 02152

Funeral

Friday, May 30, 2014, 10:15 a.m.

Ernest P. Caggiano & Son

Funeral Home

Funeral Mass

Friday, May 30, 2014, 11:30 a.m.

St. John the Evangelist Church

320 Winthrop Street
Winthrop, MA 02152



The Honorable Domenic J. F. Russo, long-time Chairman of PERAC passed away on Sunday, May 25, 2014 after a brief illness. He was first nominated for the Chairmanship in 2004 by then Commission Vice Chairman and Massachusetts State Auditor A. Joseph DeNucci and unanimously elected by the Commission. He was the fourth Chairman of PERAC and led the agency with unparalleled ability and success for more than 10 years having first been elected by his fellow PERAC Commissioners on April 13, 2004. He was subsequently re-elected as Chairman for two additional 5-year terms by subsequent PERAC Commissions.

Previously, Judge Russo served as First Justice of the East Boston and Milford Division of the District Court and Managing Justice of the Lawrence, Lynn, and Peabody Divisions of the District Court Department of the Massachusetts Trial Court. He was a member of the judiciary for over twenty-two years.

In June of 2001, Judge Russo received the "President's Award" for Judicial Excellence from the Massachusetts Judges Conference.



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Judge Russo graduated from Boston University and Boston University School of Law and was a retired Lieutenant Commander of the United States Naval Reserve.

PERAC's Executive Director Joseph E. Connarton expressed his sadness and condolences to the Family of Judge Russo:

I know that I speak for his fellow Commissioners and the entire PERAC staff and retirement community in expressing our sadness at Judge Russo's passing and our sincere condolences to his family at this time of great sadness and loss. Judge Russo was a steadfast supporter of the Commission's efforts to fairly, openly and honorably discharge the duties conferred upon the agency by the legislature. His humor, fairness, forthrightness, and above all integrity will be sorely missed by all who knew him and had the great pleasure to work with him over the years.

Judge Russo oversaw many important policy decisions throughout his tenure including new investment guidelines and perhaps the nation's most wide ranging retirement board governance enhancements while serving at PERAC. His contributions were myriad and important. His legacy will always loom large over PERAC. He was a true champion for PERAC and our mission.

Again, I want to express my condolences to his family and to the many friends and individuals who have come to know, respect, and admire him over the years. I can safely say that Judge Domenic J. F. Russo is a truly irreplaceable part of the PERAC family and we are all saddened by this great loss and diminished by his passing.

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